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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Amended) A valve assembly comprising:  
  
a replacement valve having a scalloped inflow annulus, an outflow annulus, and a plurality of leaflets; and  
  
a tubular anchoring structure comprising a distal end, an inflow rim comprising a plurality of suture bores; and a plurality of vertical support posts comprising axial slots.
2. (Original) The valve assembly of claim 1, wherein said valve is positioned internally to said anchoring structure.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)

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Support for the amendment to claim 1 is found at paragraph 93, page 22, and Figures 7-9 where a "scalloped inflow annulus of the replacement valve" is described.

Allowance of claims 1 and 2 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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